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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION GOY EXPULSION OF DANISH CORRESPONDENT

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1. YUGOSLAVIA'S EXPULSION OF THE DANISH TV AND RADIO REPORTER FRANK OSWALD WHO WAS IN BELGRADE TO COVER THE CURRENT CSCE CONFERENCE ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE DANISH MEDIA AND PROVOKED AN EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ADDITION TO THE PROTESTS FROM MANY REPORTERS IN THE YUGOSLAVIAN CAPITAL.

2. AKTUELT (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) QUOTE TO EXPEL AN ACCREDITED REPORTER BECAUSE HE MET WITH SOME ACTIVISTS AND A DISGRACED POLITICIAN IS NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CSCE CONFERENCE AND REVEALS A POLICE-STATE MENTALITY WHICH SHOULD NOT HAVE PREVAILED IN YUGOSLAVIA.

3. IT IS FAIR TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THE FORCES OF ORDER ARE NERVOUS IN SUCH SITUATIONS. THAT WAS THE CASE AT THE CSCE CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI WHERE POLICE ACTION COST ONE LIFE, AND IT MAY ALSO HAPPEN IN COPENHAGEN WHEN DENMARK CHAIRS THE EEC UNCLASSIFIED

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4. NEITHER REASONS OF STATE NOR HYSTERICAL BUREAUCRATS CAN PREVENT JOURNALISTS FROM SEEKING OUT CONTROVERSIAL SOURCES. THUS THEY OFTEN GET INTO TROUBLE, WHICH IS WHY CSCE CONFERENCE DECIDED THAT THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS MUST BE IMPROVED. THE OSWALD CASE IS FRESH EVIDENCE THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CARRY GOOD INTENTIONS INTO EFFECT UNQUOTE.

5. POLITIKEN (LEFT OF CENTER) QUOTED 29 REPORTERS IN BELGRADE PROTESTING THE EXPULSION AS "CLEARLY AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS ON THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF JOURNALISTS."
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